GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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PREFERENCE TO INDIAN LANGUAGES FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to give preference to Indian languages instead of giving preference to English in Health and Family Welfare Programmes as is being done by other foreign countries like Malaysia, China and Sri Lanka in such programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (c) Since Health is a State subject, States are free to use their respective languages.As regards centrally implemented Health and Family Welfare Programmes, both Hindi and English are used and wherever possible, materials in local languages are used.